

Nengone language

Nengone is a language of the Loyalty Islands, New Caledonia.

Phonology

The phonological inventory of consonants is untypically large for an Oceanic language. Many sounds which are allophones in other sub-families are distinct sounds in the Nengone language:^[3]

Nengone	
Native to	New Caledonia
Region	Maré Island
Native speakers	8,700 (2009 census) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Austronesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southern Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">New Caledonian – Loyalties<ul style="list-style-type: none">Loyalty Islands<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nengone</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	nen
Glottolog	neng1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/neng1238) ^[2]

Consonant sounds

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Retroflex</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Plosive</u>	voiceless	p		t	ʈ		k	ʔ
	voiced	b		d	ɖ		g	
<u>Affricate</u>	voiceless					t͡ʃ		
	voiced					d͡ʒ		
<u>Fricative</u>	voiceless	(f)	θ	s		ʃ	(x)	h
	voiced			z			ɣ	
<u>Nasal</u>	voiceless	ɱ		ɳ			ŋ̊	
	voiced	m		n		ɲ	ŋ	
<u>Rhotic</u>				r				
<u>Approximant</u>	voiceless	ɰ						
	voiced	w			ɭ	j		

Phonemes in parentheses only occur in words borrowed from other languages.^[3]

Vowel sounds

	Front	Back
High	i	u
Mid	e	o
	ɛ	ɔ
Low	a	

References

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